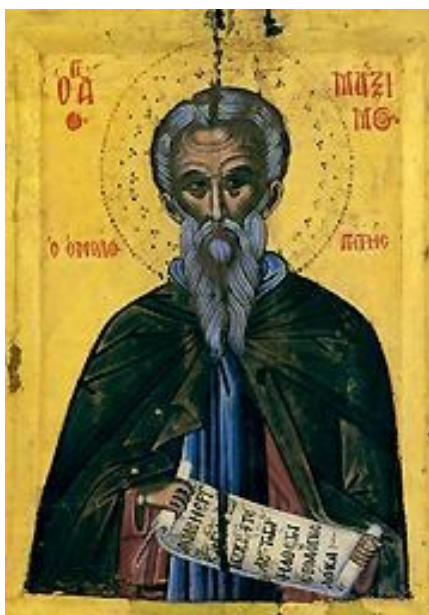


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The divine Maximus, who was from Constantinople, sprang from an illustrious family. He was a lover of wisdom and an eminent theologian. At first, he was the chief private secretary of the Emperor Heraclius and his grandson Constans. When the Monothelite heresy became predominant in the royal court, out of hatred for this error the Saint departed for the Monastery at Chrysopolis (Scutari), of which he later became the abbot. When Constans tried to constrain him either to accept the Monothelite teaching, or to stop speaking and writing against it—neither of which the Saint accepted to do—his tongue was uprooted and his right hand was cut off, and he was sent into exile where he reposed in 662. At the time only he and his few disciples were Orthodox in the East.

# WORSHIP GUIDE

January 21, 2018

## **Resurrectional Apolytikion, Mode pl. 4**

From on high did You descend, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure three days in the tomb that we may be released from passions in this world, You who are our resurrection and our life. Glory unto You O Lord.

## **For St. Maximos the Confessor, Mode pl. 4**

Guide of Orthodoxy, Teacher of piety and holiness, luminary of the world, God inspired a domment of Monastics, O wise Maximos by thy teachings thou hast enlightened all, O harp of the Spirit, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

## **Troparion of St. Markella, Mode 1**

Obedient to the laws of the Lord and to His divine teachings, you kept them blamelessly, O Markella and being frightened of the violence of your father who pursued you. O pure bride of Christ you hid in the mountains where he found you and took your life. Glory to Him who has given you strength, Glory to Him who has crowned you, Glory to Him who works healings through you to everyone.

## **Troparion of St. Demetrios, Mode 3**

The world found in you a great champion in danger. A victor who could turn the nations back. As you restrained Levi in the arena, you also inspired Nestor to courage. Therefore, Holy Great Martyr Demetrios, entreat Christ God, to grant us great, great mercy!

## **Seasonal Kontakion, Mode 1**

O You who sanctified by your birth a virgin womb, and blessed the hands of Symeon as seemed most appropriate, you came, indeed, O Christ or God, and saved us all. But bring peace to the commonwealth in time of war, and secure in strength, the rulers you have truly loved, as the only one who love mankind.

# EPISTLE READING

## Paul's First Letter to Timothy (4:9-15)

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 4. Psalm 75 (76).

Pray and return to the Lord Your God; all around Him shall bring gifts.

*In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.*

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

# GOSPEL READING

## Holy Gospel according to Luke (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

# TODAY WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**15th Sunday of Luke**

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Wednesday, January 23**

6:30 pm Orthodoxy 101

**Thursday, January 24**

11:00 am Greek Luncheon

**Friday, January 25**

9:30 am Bible Study

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** *Kasch Family*

**Next Week's Host:** *Mary Walters*

**Ushers:** *Cookie Kostopoulos, Steve Paros, and Jeanette Rosa*

**Greeters:** *Gene Bass and Mark Simunovich*

**Altar Boys:** *Zacharias Fletcher, Nicolai Kasch, Jonathan Morgan,  
Constantine Sneider, and Efstathios Sneider*



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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **FUTURE OF FORMER CHURCH COMMITTEE**

Our Parish is asking for persons to work on the committee established at the November General Assembly to study the question of determining the future of the Former Church Building. Please see Fr. Thomas or Parish Council for details.

## **THURSDAY GREEK LUNCHEONS**

Our annual "Snowbird Greek Luncheons" have begun! Many thanks to all who volunteer their time to help. Please see Cookie Kostopoulos, Angelos Thomas, or Katrina Thomas if you can help. Set up starts at 9:30 am. Lunch is served from 11 am until 1:30 pm. Meals are \$9, including beverage.

## **HOUSE BLESSINGS 2018**

The Annual House Blessings will start after Epiphany on January 6, and customarily continue through the beginning of Lent, which this year starts February 19. Please contact Fr. Thomas by phone, text or email if you would like a House Blessing.

## **COFFEE HOUR SIGNUP**

A coffee hour signup sheet for the new year has been posted on the bulletin board leading to the hall. If you've never hosted, please consider doing so this year. Thank you to all our coffee hour hosts!

## **CROSS DIVE 2018**

Thanks to all who came out for our 43rd Annual Cross Dive that we had at the church on Saturday, January 13. Special thanks and congratulations to Ariel McBroom, Rachel McBroom, Costa Sneeder, and Stathi Sneeder, each who participated as divers from our Parish. And special congratulations to Stathi Sneeder, who retrieved the Cross this year. Many years of health and strength in the Lord to our divers.

## **YOUTH HOCKEY OUTING**

Our GOYA and Junior GOYA plan to attend the Ice Flyers game on February 16 at 7:05 pm, at the Pensacola Bay Center. See Fr. Thomas or Matt or Megan Morgan for more information.

# WELCOME

Thank you for joining us today for worship. This is information to help make your worship experience more meaningful.

At 10:00 am the Divine Liturgy, which is the main worship service of the Orthodox Church, begins with the words from the priest “Blessed is the kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...”

The beginning of the service may be found on page 1 of the small red book entitled *The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*. Each Sunday the Epistle, Gospel, and certain hymns change to express what is being celebrated that day. This guide has them printed out for you so you may follow along more easily.

We welcome people of all faiths and denominations to worship with us and appreciate your presence. For those who are not Orthodox Christians we ask that you not receive the Holy Communion when it is offered to the congregation. Those visitors who are Orthodox Christians may receive Communion provided you normally receive at your home parish and have not been restricted in any way. For Orthodox Christians, when in doubt whether to receive or not, please ask Fr. Thomas in advance and he will be happy to advise you.

For those of you visiting an Orthodox Christian Church for the first time, we pray that you have a very meaningful worship experience. Orthodox worship reaches all five senses. Through sight with the icons, church architecture and the movement of worship; through smell with the use of incense; through sound through the beauty of the Church music; through taste with the receiving of Holy Communion; and through touch with lighting of candles, crossing oneself, and the veneration of icons.

You will find that the Orthodox place a great emphasis on reverence in worship. Our reverence is serious, but also very joyful as well.

Please ask one of the attendants in the Narthex (the back of the church) if you have any questions. May God continue to bless and keep all of us.

# PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Please bring names of your loved ones, both living and deceased, so the priest may pray for them. We pray for all people. With Divine Liturgy, the names of the Orthodox are commemorated during the Proskomidi (the Preparation of the Gifts) and during Liturgy.

Erica Ailes	Jim Hobson	Janice Parton
Katia Antonis	Jake Hoskin	Anastas Pazevic
Gene & Alexis Bass	Cleopatra Hughes & Family	Tina Puffer
The Boltz Family	Nancy Janos	Edward Scruggs & Family
Kathy Bowdoin & Family	Raymond Paul Johnson	Constantine Sneider
Lark Tringas Bostick	Mary Spiridoula Kalista	Steve Stephanopoulos
Mary Ann Carr	Philip Kanellopoulos	Stanojka Stevanovic
Litsa Carrion	Sheree Kanellopoulos	David Stewart
Vonni Cobb	George Karov	Janet Sutherland
Angela Walters Comfort	Craig Kasch	Col. Philip Trexler
Max Copeland	Georgie Kasch	Sue and John Tullis
Tsao Chien Din	Carl Kruljac	Lou Vagias, Sr.
Jamie Douglas	Julie Mamani	Dana Visoju
Fr. George Dursa	Angela McBroom	Badra Walters
Dorothy Eshelman	Ariel McBroom	
Zachary Fletcher	Nicholas McBroom	All service men and women
Chryssoula Henderson	Joey Newborn	who are deployed overseas
Angela Hlavity	Butch Otis	

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# STEWARDSHIP 2018

***Serve the Lord with gladness!***

We sincerely thank all of our families for their generous support of our dear Sts. Markella and Demetrios Church. We ask that you kindly submit your Stewardship Cards for 2018 to the Church Office. Cards are available in the Hall and Narthex.

## A NOTE ON THE GENUINE MEANING OF CHRISTIAN GIVING

### ***Agape through Stewardship***

Agape is the love of God of his children; it is the greatest love. God loves us so much he sacrificed his only son, Jesus, for us. God bestows gifts to all of us in some form or fashion. We may not even be aware of His gifts. We all have some *time* to spare, we all have *talents*, and some have *treasures* given to us from our Lord. Will you serve the Lord? With your blessed gifts of *time*, *talents*, and *treasures*, your church will continue to serve the Lord through our ministries and provide for you, your family, and our community's spiritual growth and strengthen our faith.

***“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15)***